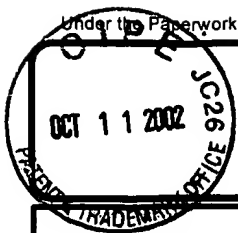


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 372,531,  
filed on August 11, 1999 entitled BATTERY SEPARATOR PROVIDED WITH A PLURALITY OF STUDS AND VERTICAL RIBS

## NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

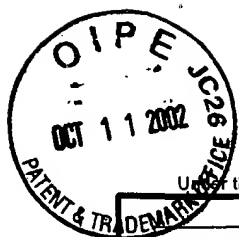
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- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as shown on the attached Version With Changes to Show Markings and Replacement Sheets.

Claims 1, 9 and 13 are amended.

Claim 15 is newly added.

REMARKS

By the accompanying amendment, claims 1, 9 and 13 have been amended to recite that the plurality of studs and the at least one vertical rib remain on the separator sheet during the useful life of the battery. Applicants note that the entire thrust of the instant disclosure is the incorporation of the ribs and studs on the separator sheet, and the resulting enhanced performance of that separator due to the presence of the ribs and studs during the useful life of the battery. See, for example, page 3,